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Ola, Arkansas Rock Island depot as it looked February 28, 2004. The Little Rock & Western now owns the tracks in the foreground but I'm not sure who owns the depot – probably the town of Ola. I was told on June 12, 2004 that this depot is having its asbestos removed and will soon be demolished. *(Ken Ziegenbein photo)*



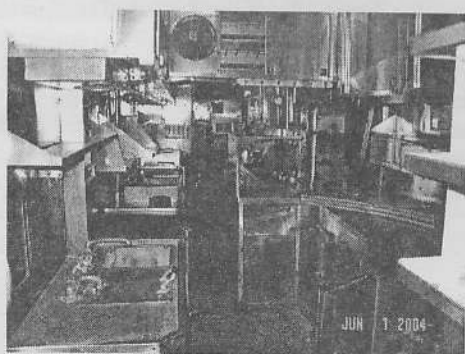
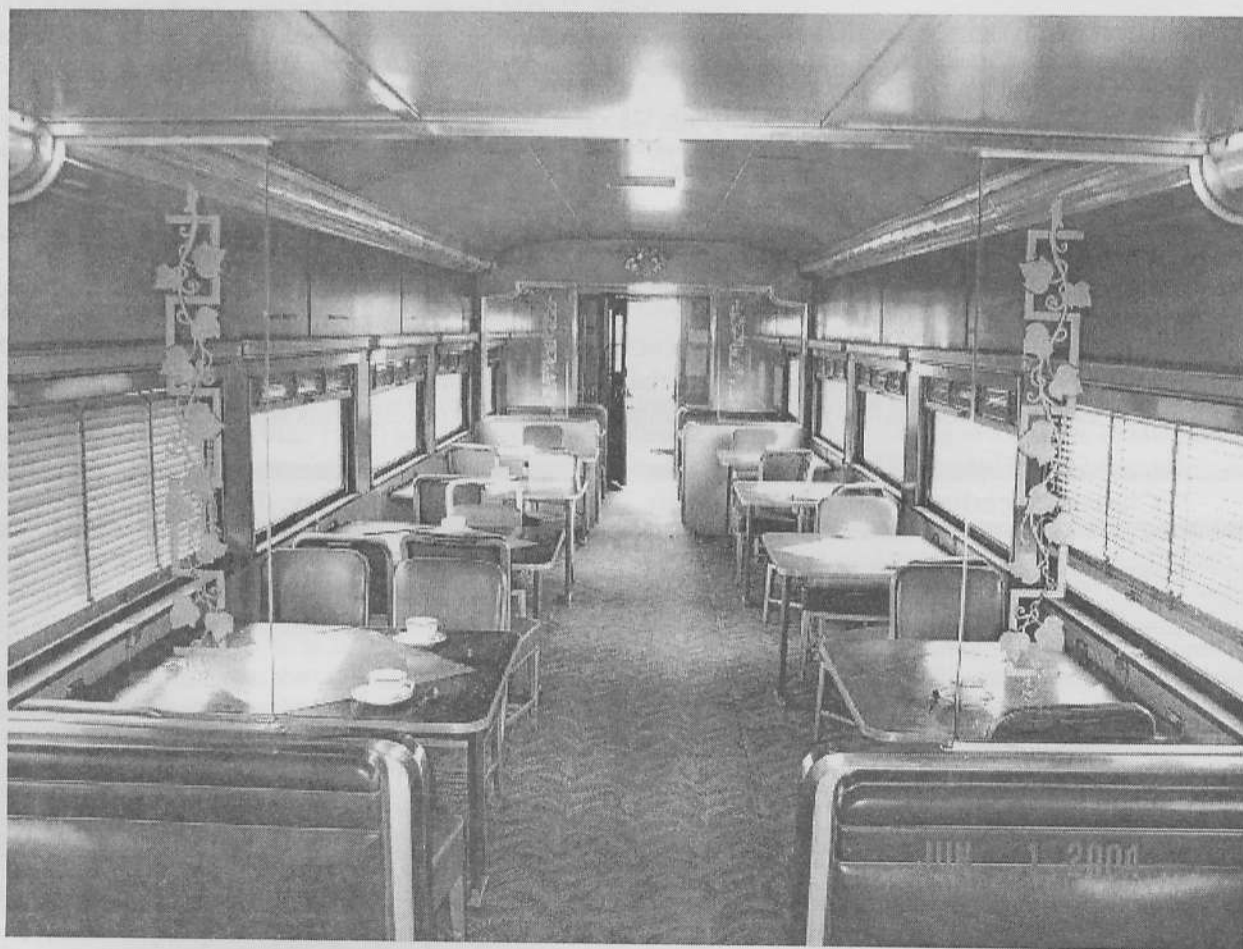
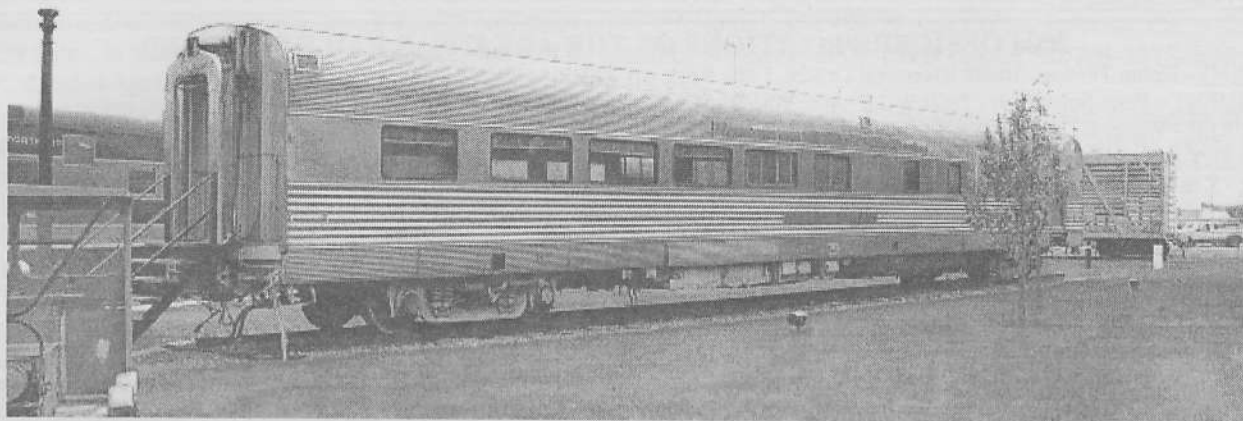
UP 3985 in Lodgepole, Nebraska, Saturday, May 22, 2004, the first stop of its Spring Tour to Texas. The train was heading to Houston, Texas for a charity benefit and eventually would come through Arkansas, both coming and going back to Cheyenne, Wyoming. We were on our way to Yellowstone, going in the opposite direction of the 3985, so I decided to get a picture. *(Ken Ziegenbein photo)*



THAT OTHER CHALLENGER – UP 3977 at Cody Park in North Platte, Nebraska on June 2, 2004. This locomotive, painted in passenger colors of light grey with yellow stripes and lettering, was donated and moved to the park by Union Pacific on October 19, 1968. *(Ken Ziegenbein photo)*



Left is greater downtown Lodgepole, Nebraska. There is a beautiful park with large trees right next to the UP main line.



CB&Q Diner 'Silver Salver' excellently preserved at the Douglas, Wyoming Railroad Museum. Even the kitchen seemed as it was the last time it was used in the 1960s. The car was built in 1947 for Burlington's new system-wide fleet of streamlined passenger cars. There is also a CB&Q 4-8-4 there, No. 5633, a wooden CB&Q caboose, wooden UP double-deck cattle car and a C&NW late-1800s coach.

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The ARKANSAS RAILROAD CLUB is a non-profit organization of railroad and train enthusiasts that was formed in 1969. We are also the Little Rock Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. We meet on the second Sundays of most months at 2 p.m. Anyone interested in trains is welcome!

Dues to join the ARKANSAS RAILROAD CLUB are currently \$20 a year, which includes the monthly *Arkansas Railroader* newsletter. If you'd like to join the NRHS through our club (thus being a member of the Little Rock Chapter NRHS and national NRHS), you must pay \$20 a year more, bringing the total to \$40 a year for both. Dues are always payable on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, but you may pay at any time (membership will extend through the following year).

To join or renew, send your name, address and phone number plus dues to the ARKANSAS RAILROAD CLUB, PO BOX 9151, NORTH LITTLE ROCK AR 72119. Call 501-758-1340 for information. The newsletter editor's email address is: [trains@trainweather.com](mailto:trains@trainweather.com) The Arkansas Railroader is put on the Web monthly, and that address is: <http://www.trainweather.com>

**NEXT PROGRAM** will be **SUNDAY, JULY 11** at 2 p.m. at our usual site, Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church, 4401 Woodlawn Drive, Little Rock. **DARIN T. ARCHER**, Special Agent of the Union Pacific Police, will give a talk on railroad police and various railroad safety issues. The public is invited and refreshments will be available.

**Charter Member BOYD PYLE's wife Barbara died Wednesday, June 2, 2004.**

### WANTED : FOR SALE OR TRADE

The following is for those who want to find certain railroad-related items, information, or want to sell or trade such items with other railfans. We reserve the right to refuse listings if deemed inappropriate. The Arkansas Railroad Club is not responsible for misleading ads. None this month.

### RAILROAD ABANDONMENT PROPOSALS

The address of the Surface Transportation Board is: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, Washington DC 20423. The STB phone number for abandonment procedures (Office of Public Services) is: 202-565-1592. If you contact them, it would be handy to use the Docket Numbers. Their Web address is: <http://www.stb.dot.gov> if you'd like the complete listings.

These abandonment proposals have been printed in the Federal Register or have come directly from the Surface Transportation Board. They will go in effect unless one of the following occurs: 1) an offer of financial assistance is received; 2) a request for public use of the land is received (for instance, rails-to-trails); 3) petitions to reopen the case is filed. Railroads, before they can file these "notices of exemption under CFR 1152 Subpart F," must certify that 1) no local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; 2) any overhead traffic can be routed over other lines; 3) no formal complaint filed by a user is pending and; 4) environmental reports, historic reports, transmittal letter, newspaper publication, and notice to governmental agencies have been met. Even though approval is granted for the railroads to abandon, it may be months or years before track is actually taken up.

- CALIFORNIA – UNION PACIFIC** - To abandon and discontinue service over a line of railroad known as the Yuba City Industrial Lead, extending from milepost 136.38 near Marysville, CA, to milepost 139.77 near Colusa Junction, CA, a distance of 3.39 miles, in Sutter County, CA. A final decision will be issued by August 6, 2004. (STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 205X, decided April 29, served May 10, 2004)
- KANSAS – UNION PACIFIC** - To abandon a 5.30-mile line of railroad known as the Vliets Industrial Lead, extending from milepost 409.10, near Frankfort, to milepost 403.80, near Vliets, in Marshall County, KS. A final decision will be issued by August 9, 2004. (STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 172X, decided May 4, served May 11, 2004)
- SOUTH CAROLINA – NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY CO.** – To abandon and discontinue service over a 4.5-mile line of railroad between milepost AB-1.5 at Escambia Junction and milepost AB-6.0 at Trenton, in Edgefield County, SC. Effective on June 17, 2004. (STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 253X, decided May 11, served May 18, 2004)
- NORTH DAKOTA – BNSF** – To abandon a 20.93-mile line of railroad between BNSF milepost 74.07 near Langdon and milepost 95.00 near Hannah, in Cavalier County, ND. Effective on June 22, 2004. (STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 415X, decided May 18, served May 21, 2004)
- CALIFORNIA – BNSF** – To to abandon and discontinue service over a 33.77-mile line of railroad between milepost 0.00 near Lookout, and milepost 33.77 near Hambone, in Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, CA. Effective on June 22, 2004. (STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 414X, decided May 12, served May 21, 2004)
- MINNESOTA – BNSF** – To abandon a 15.91-mile line of railroad between milepost 18.09 near Glyndon and milepost 34.00 near Felton, in Clay County, MN. Effective on June 24, 2004. (STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 417X, decided May 18, served May 25, 2004)
- NORTH DAKOTA – BNSF** – To abandon and discontinue service over a 15.50-mile line of railroad between milepost 52.00 near Souris, and milepost 67.50, near Westhope, in Bottineau County, ND. Effective on June 24, 2004. (STB Docket No AB-6 (Sub-No. 416X, decided May 17, served May 25, 2004)
- OKLAHOMA – BNSF** – To abandon a 4.14-mile line of railroad between BNSF milepost 138.00 and milepost 142.14 in Ponca City, Kay County, OK. Effective on June 29, 2004. (STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 412X, decided May 20, served May 28, 2004)
- MINNESOTA – BNSF** – To abandon a 0.99-mile line of railroad between BNSF milepost 11.81 and milepost 12.80 in Stillwater, Washington County, MN. Effective on June 29, 2004. (STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 413X, decided May 20, served May 28, 2004)
- KENTUCKY – CSX** – To to abandon a line of railroad in its Southern Region, Nashville Division, Henderson Subdivision, between Moorman (milepost 0HE 118.8) and Wilson Station (milepost 0HE 114.2), a distance of 4.6 miles, in Muhlenberg and Ohio Counties, KY. Effective on June 29, 2004. (STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 648X, decided May 20, served May 28, 2004)
- WISCONSIN – WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.** – To abandon a 0.48-mile line of railroad from milepost 435.35 on Ashland's lakefront and traveling 2,552 feet to a point where it connects to a private spur that used to serve C. Reiss Coal Company in Ashland, Ashland County, WI. Effective on July 3, 2004. (STB Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 26X, decided May 27, served June 3, 2004)
- NORTH DAKOTA – BNSF** – To to abandon and discontinue service over a 3.36-mile line of railroad between milepost 77.14 near Antelope Valley Station, and milepost 80.50, near Zap in Mercer County, ND. Effective on July 6, 2004. (STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 420X, decided May 26, served June 4, 2004)
- NORTH DAKOTA – BNSF** – To abandon and discontinue service over a 4.69-mile line of railroad between milepost 22.00 near Walum, and milepost 17.31 near Dazey, in Griggs and Barnes Counties, ND. Effective on July 6, 2004. (STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 419X, decided May 25, served June 4, 2004)
- ARKANSAS/LOUISIANA – DELTA SOUTHERN RAILROAD, INC.** – To abandon a 30.0-mile portion of its Lake Providence Line, between milepost 433.0, near Lake Village, AR, and milepost 463.0, near Shelburn, LA. Effective on July 10, 2004. (STB Docket No. AB-384 (Sub-No. 1X, decided June 3, served June 10, 2004)

Since the previous abandonment notice involves the former MoPac line that carried the *Delta Eagle* back in the 1950s, I thought it appropriate to print the entire Federal Register notice below:

Federal Register: June 10, 2004 (Volume 69, Number 112)]  
 [Notices]  
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 From the Federal Register Online via GPO Access [wais.access.gpo.gov]  
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-384 (Sub-No. 1X)]

## Delta Southern Railroad, Inc.--Abandonment Exemption--Between Lake Village, AR, and Shelburn, LA

Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. (DSR), has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F-Exempt Abandonments to abandon a 30.0-mile portion of its Lake Providence Line, between milepost 433.0, near Lake Village, AR, and milepost 463.0, near Shelburn, LA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 70653, 71254, and 71640.

DSR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under Oregon Short Line R. Co.-- Abandonment--Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on July 10, 2004, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues, \1\ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2), \2\ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by June 21, 2004. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by June 30, 2004, with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

\1\ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

\2\ Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,100. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to DSR's representative: Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 208 South LaSalle Street--Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1112.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. BNSF has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by June 15, 2004. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1539. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.) Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

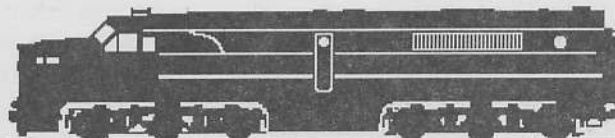
Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), DSR shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by DSR's filing of a notice of consummation by June 10, 2005, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>

Decided: June 3, 2004.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.  
[FR Doc. 04-13130 Filed 6-9-04; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4915-01-P



## ARKANSAS RAIL NEWS

### UP 3985 RETURN TRIP HOUSTON-CHEYENNE – JUNE 2004

Here is the schedule of the return trip of Challenger 3985 to Cheyenne, Wyoming from Houston, Texas made in June 2004, printed for the record. The first part is just before it arrived in Houston from Louisiana. It had been in Arkansas over the Memorial Day weekend. The train could be tracked on a special UP website, using GPS technology, making a dot on a map every 15 minutes when the train was moving.

Thursday, June 3 Layover - Public Display 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Lake Charles Kirkman St. north of I-10	Friday, June 4 Depart: 8:00 a.m. Lake Charles Arrive: 10:00 a.m. Beaumont, TX - Service Locomotive Lindbergh Dr. crossing Depart: 10:30 a.m. Arrive: 4:00 p.m. Houston Holly Hall St. crossing east of Almeda near Reliant Stadium
Saturday, June 5 - Thursday, June 10 Layover - Public Display 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Friday, June 11 Depart: 11:30 a.m. Houston Holly Hall St. to Smithers Lake Rd. and return Arrive: 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 12 No Public Display	Sunday, June 13 (Special fundraising trip out of Houston to College Station) Depart: 9:30 a.m. Spring Westfield Auto Facility Arrive: 10:45 a.m. College Station Raymond Stotzer Pkwy. (FM 60) Depart: 11:15 a.m. Arrive: 12:01 p.m. Valley Jct. - Service Locomotive Depart: 12:45 p.m. Arrive: 2:30 p.m. College Station George Bush Dr. Depart: 4:00 p.m. Arrive: 5:45 p.m. Spring Westfield Auto Facility
Monday, June 14 No Public Display	Tuesday, June 15 Depart: 8:00 a.m. Houston Arrive: 11:00 a.m. Conroe - Service Locomotive Depart: 11:30 a.m. Arrive: 3:00 p.m. Palestine UP Railyard
Wednesday, June 16 Depart: 8:00 a.m. Palestine Arrive: 11:30 a.m. Longview	Thursday, June 17 Depart: 8:00 a.m. Longview Arrive: 10:00 a.m. Texarkana, AR - Service Locomotive Old UP depot Depart: 11:00 a.m. Arrive: 1:00 p.m. Gurdon, AR - Service Locomotive UP depot Depart: 1:30 p.m. Arrive: 4:00 p.m. North Little Rock 1000 W. 4th St. - behind office building
Friday, June 18 - Saturday, June 19 Layover - Public Display 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Sunday, June 20 Depart: 8:00 a.m. North Little Rock Arrive: 10:30 a.m. Russellville - Service Locomotive Old UP depot - Main St. Depart: 11:00 a.m. Arrive: 3:00 p.m. Van Buren 2nd & Vine Sts
Monday, June 21 Depart: 8:00 a.m. Van Buren	Tuesday, June 22

Arrive: 11:00 a.m. Wagoner, OK - Service Locomotive UP office - 302 S. Main St. Depart: 11:30 a.m. Arrive: 1:30 p.m. Coffeyville, KS Atlantic St.	Depart: 8:00 a.m. Coffeyville Arrive: 10:00 a.m. Durand, KS - Service Locomotive Depart: 10:30 a.m. Arrive: 1:30 p.m. Osawatomie, KS Pacific Ave. along South St.
Wednesday, June 23 Layover - Public Display 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Thursday, June 24 Depart: 8:00 a.m. Osawatomie Arrive: 10:00 a.m. Kansas City, MO - Service Locomotive Depart: 10:30 a.m. Arrive: 1:00 p.m. Trenton, MO 1400 Laclede St.
Friday, June 25 Depart: 8:00 a.m. Trenton Arrive: 12:01 p.m. Des Moines, IA - Service Locomotive Depart: 12:30 p.m. Arrive: 2:30 p.m. Boone, IA 6th & Delaware Sts.	Saturday, June 26 Depart: 8:00 a.m. Boone Arrive: 10:00 a.m. Denison, IA - Service Locomotive UP depot - 501 South Main Depart: 10:30 a.m. Arrive: 1:30 p.m. Fremont, NE Near UP depot - 10 S. Main St.
Sunday, June 27 Layover - Public Display 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Monday, June 28 Depart: 8:00 a.m. Fremont Arrive: 10:45 a.m. Wood River, NE- Service Locomotive Depart: 11:15 a.m. Arrive: 2:30 p.m. North Platte, NE Front St. - between Chestnut and Poplar
Tuesday, June 29 Depart: 8:00 a.m. CDT North Platte Arrive: 10:30 a.m. MDT Sidney, NE - Service Locomotive 9th and Grant Sts. Depart: 11:00 a.m. Arrive: 2:30 p.m. Cheyenne, WY	

Unofficial consist of June 13 trip out of Houston...

Front to rear:

UP 3985, UP Water, UP Water. UP SD70 Flag Unit, UP Tool Car, UP Boiler Car, UP Staff Car, UP Power Car 205, UP Business Car "St. Louis", UP Club Lounge "Sun Valley", UP Coach "City of Salina", UP Diner "City of Los Angeles", UP Coach "Portland Rose", UP Diner "Overland", UP Dome Coach "Columbine", UP Dome Coach "Challenger", UP Diner "City of Denver", UP Dome Diner "Colorado Eagle" UP Coach "Sunshine Special", UP Concession Car "Sherman Hill", UP Coach "Texas Eagle", UP Power Car 207, UP Baggage Recreation "Council Bluffs", UP Coach "Katy Flyer", UP Museum Car "Promontory", UP Dome Lounge "Walter Dean", UP Dome Lounge "Harriman" UP Dome Diner "Missouri River Eagle", UP Dome Diner "City of Portland", UP Delux Sleeper "Powder River", UP Dome Lounge "City of San Francisco", PV "Lone Star"

## GENERAL RAIL NEWS

### KCS OPENS FUEL PIPE LINE IN HEAVENER, OK

Fuel began flowing through the newly constructed pipeline in Heavener, Oklahoma to the Kansas City Southern Railway in early May 2004. Hard data indicates that beginning with the first load of fuel, KCSR will save seven-cents a gallon. At three million gallons a month, the savings realized totals \$2 million dollars a year. Additionally, the shorter distance between fuel supplies in Kansas City, Mo. and Shreveport, La. will mean better Gulf fuel pricing, more reliable fuel availability and a reduction of tank cars on the railroad.

The pipeline project was initiated in 2002, when a Lake Charles, La. fuel supplier where KCSR obtained 60 percent of its fuel, announced that it would close its loading rack. The availability of fuel suppliers on line was limited and seeking fuel offline could involve significant increases in fuel and transportation prices. So KCSR's resourceful purchasing department identified a fuel source close to Heavener. Magellan Pipeline Company was contracted to build the pipeline and construction began in September 2003. *(News from KCS)*



**OLDEST RR FREIGHTHOUSE IN ALABAMA SAVED**

*(Huntsville, Alabama)* - The oldest railroad building in Alabama - Huntsville's Memphis & Charleston Freight Depot - has been saved from demolition and will be restored and preserved, the Historic Huntsville Foundation announced April 27, 2004. The freight depot, located next to the Historic Huntsville Depot on Church Street, was badly damaged in a fire March 11. With the few brick walls left standing deemed unsafe, depot owner Norfolk Southern Corp. had scheduled the ruins for demolition. But the future of the building, built in 1856 and until 1996 the second-oldest continually used freight depot in the world, remained uncertain. Now Norfolk Southern has relented, agreeing to donate the depot and lease the site to the Alabama Historical Commission, and contribute \$20,000 toward the estimated \$35,000 cost of emergency repairs.

"After the fire, we were of the opinion that there really wasn't enough left to salvage," said Norfolk Southern spokesman Robin Chapman. "But the Historic Huntsville Foundation convinced us that there was enough of the facade worth salvaging, and that they would be able to do it." Lynne Berry, director of the Historic Huntsville Foundation, said the depot had been saved because of cooperation among Norfolk Southern, the Alabama Historical Commission, the city of Huntsville and U.S. Rep. Cramer's office.

"Huntsville is the only place in the nation to retain its pre-Civil War passenger and freight depots," said Lee Warner, the commission's director. "Its preservation and restoration means that a landmark will be retained. Demolition, which would have left nothing of the community's heritage on that site, was not an acceptable alternative." The March 11 fire devastated the depot, but it may have helped its long-term prospects. The Historic Huntsville Foundation had been trying to take possession of the building for more than 10 years. *(Huntsville Times, April 27, 2004)*

**RESTORED KCS DEPOT**

*(Stillwell, Oklahoma)* - KCS's *Southern Belle* passenger train was at the May 7, 2004 dedication of Stillwell, Oklahoma's restored depot. The restored KCS depot will house the Adair County Historical and Genealogical Association as well as the Stillwell Chamber of Commerce plus a museum. It was built in 1915. KCS donated it to the city on February 22, 1971 after passenger service ended. *(Via Jim Johnson)*

**AMTRAK NEWS**

**AMTRAK'S BLUEGRASS FUN**

*(Longview, Texas)* - Amtrak's *Texas Eagle* train featured live bluegrass music over the weekend of May 14-16 on selected trains running between Longview and Austin, Texas.

The five-piece Buzzard Run Bluegrass Band from Poplar Bluff, Mo., played in the train's Sightseer Lounge car, performing several times between Longview and Austin on Friday, May 14, returning from Austin to Longview on Sunday May 16. Musical performances aboard the train were open to all passengers, and there is no additional charge beyond the cost of an Amtrak ticket. This event was sponsored by the Texas Eagle Marketing & Performance Organization (TEMPO). Favorable passenger response could result in live performances by other music groups in the future. ARC member Bill Pollard is the head of this organization.

**EXCURSIONS/SHOWS/EVENTS OF OTHER CLUBS**

To join/renew membership in the Arkansas Railroad Club (Little Rock Chapter National Railway Historical Society), fill out the form below. **Annual dues are \$20** for local dues (plus **\$20** for the national NRHS dues if you want to join the NRHS through our chapter, a total of \$40 for both local and national dues). Send to: Arkansas Railroad Club, PO Box 9151, North Little Rock AR 72119.

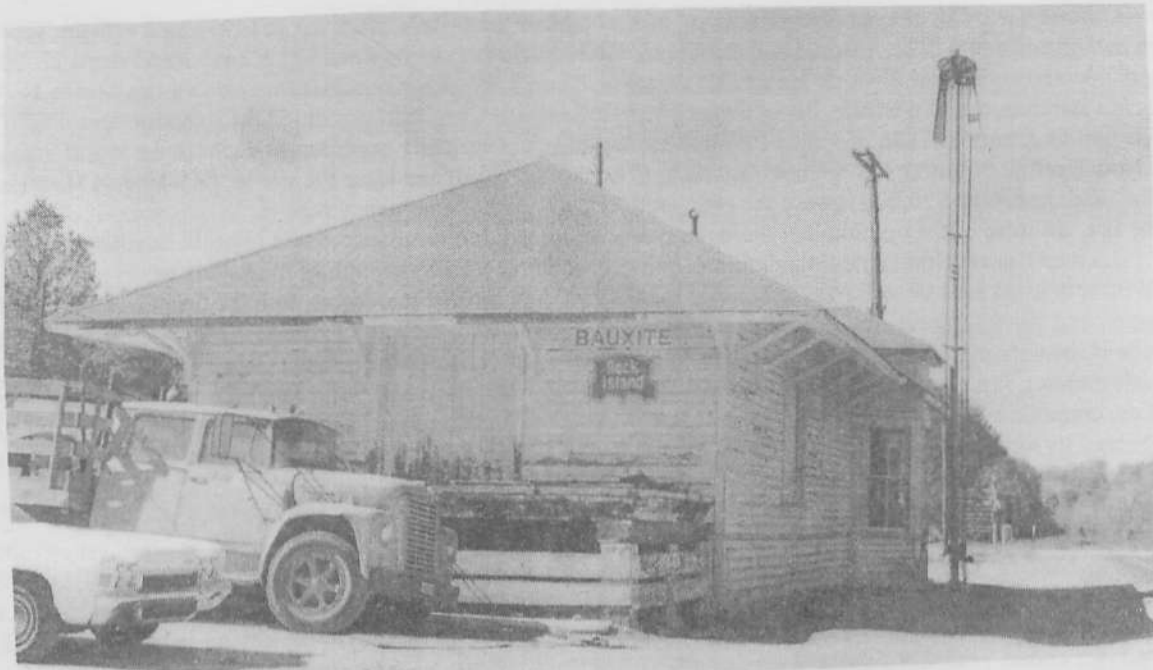
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Send check, made out to the Arkansas Railroad Club, PO Box 9151, North Little Rock AR 72119. Call 501-758-1340 for more information or visit us on the web at <http://www.trainweather.com> and click on *Arkansas Railroader*. Our email is [trains@trainweather.com](mailto:trains@trainweather.com).

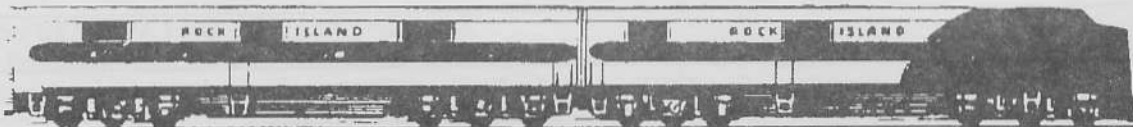


*Rock Island's Bauxite, Arkansas depot in February 1977. Photo by Gene Hull.*

## DEPOTS IN ARKANSAS - BAUXITE (Rock Island)

by: Gene Hull

This scarred and weathered little Rock Island depot saw the daily arrival of two passenger trains in the 1940s, No.631 southbound and No.632 northbound, between Little Rock and Winnfield, Louisiana. Each train had a coach, serving the bauxite mine traffic of Aluminum Company of America at Bauxite. *(In December, 1929, six trains a day stopped here: southbound at 6:35 a.m. (No. 49), 9:12 a.m. (No. 631) and 4:41 p.m. (No. 635). Northbound at 11:02 a.m. (No. 636), and 4:14 p.m. (No. 632). Northbound No. 50 didn't stop - it was a through train from Hot Springs to Little Rock without any stops. - editor).* 🚂



The Arkansas Railroad Club had a picnic with sandwiches and homemade stew at Ron Esserman's Walden Too Railroad on Saturday, June 12, 2004. Here are some photos of the event near Dover, Arkansas.

